

# Kindergarten

## Gradual Entry

September 2019



### INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

At Cheslakees School we welcome Kindergarten children to their new school in small groups and for short attendance times.

This gentle introduction to Kindergarten sets the foundation for a comfortable and secure beginning to your child's school experience. Gradual entry is designed to ease the transition to school by:

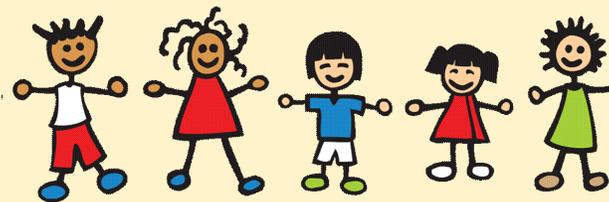
- Giving children an opportunity to adjust to their teacher, classroom, and peers in a smaller group and for a shorter period of time.
- Providing time for a "welcome" conversation between the child, parent and teacher.
- Enabling the teacher to work with small groups of children in order to build positive relationships, familiarize students with classroom routines and introduce basic procedures.

### MAKING A GOOD START

When the first day arrives there are a few things you can do to help:

- Tuck a comfort item like a photo or a small stuffed toy into your child's pocket or backpack.
- Arrive early, explore the playground and make a relaxing start to the day
- Stay positive and cheerful. Talk about the exciting things your child will learn.
- Keep your goodbye cheerful and brief. Don't come back after your goodbye and don't slip away unnoticed. Let your child know that you'll be waiting when school ends, and be sure to be on time for pick up.
- We understand gradual entry can be challenging for families.

**Thank you for helping us support your child's positive start to school.**



### Schedule

Sept 4, No school, Kindergarten teachers at Sunset  
Sept 5, Group A 8:50—10:55, Group B 12:55—2:58  
Sept 6, Group B 8:50—10:55, Group A 12:55—2:58  
Sept 9, Group A 8:50—10:55, Group B 12:55—2:58  
Sept 10, Group B 8:50—10:55, Group A 12:55—2:58

Sept 11, Everyone all morning with recess and lunch 8:50—12:55  
Sept 12, Everyone all morning with recess and lunch 8:50—12:55  
Sept 13, All Day 8:50—2:58